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Memorandum for the Record

Subject: Joint Congressional Committee on Intelligence

1. Reference is made to a brief by the undersigned, subject as above. It will be remembered that one of the points made in this brief is the possibility, if not the probability, that advance approval of CIA programs and proposals would be required by such a Joint Committee. The experience of the AEC in such matters was cited.

2. Attention is called to the attached article in The New York Times of 21 November which announces that the United States, Britain and Canada will begin soon an exchange of information on the effects of atomic and hydrogen weapons "on human beings and their environment." The article then points out that these plans were announced in a speech by AEC Chairman Strauss, who is quoted as follows:

"The additional exchange, which does not involve weapons information, will be carried out by direction of President Eisenhower and with the consent of the Congressional Joint Committee on Atomic Energy."

3. The article then points out that members of the Joint Committee were polled by mail and gave their approval in writing.

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